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EXAMINER:

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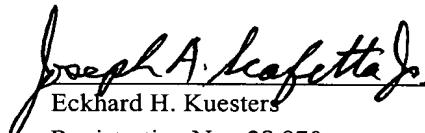
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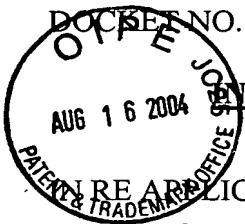
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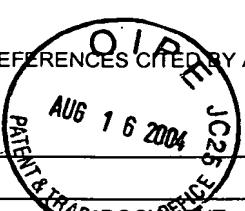
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 2003-204066) on Form PTO-1449:

This reference shows the capacity between gate collectors is reduced without running the effect of accumulation of the carrier in the trench gate type semiconductor device. (Fig. 1-5)

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